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SUBJECT: CURRENT STATUS OF NORTHWEST/GOE NEGOTIATIONS

1. APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS AGO NORTHWEST (NW), WHICH HAS NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION RIGHTS IN THE GULF OF GUAYAQUIL, DELIVERED VARIOUS DOCUMENTS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY. INCLUDED WERE PROPOSALS ON ALTERNATIVE USES OF THE GAS, AS WELL AS A MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR THE STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CEPE)/NW MIXED-CAPITAL COMPANY WHICH WOULD BE SET UP TO EXPLOIT THE GAS RESERVES. CEPE WOULD BE ABLE TO SELECT A 51 TO 61 PERCENT PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPANY.

2. THE MINISTRY HAS NOT MADE ANY RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS THUS FAR. GLEN NELLE, THE SALT LAKE CITY-BASED HEAD OF NW ECUADOR, DOES NOT PLAN TO COME BACK TO ECUADOR UNTIL THE MINISTRY INDICATES A DESIRE TO DISCUSS THE NW PROPOSALS.

3. THE DELAY MAY BE PARTIALLY DUE TO PERSONNEL CHANGES AFFECTING TWO MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL GOE/NW WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH SETTING UP THE MIXED-CAPITAL COMPANY AND DECIDING ON AN APPROPRIATE USE FOR THE HAS. PATRICIO ROMERO HAS RESIGNED FROM THE GROUP TO RUN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND JULIO GRANJA, ALTHOUGH STILL A MEMBER, HAS BEEN

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PROMOTED TO ACTING HEAD OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HYDROCARBONS.
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